



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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Re: Western PA Workshop for Education  
Improving Energy Performance in Schools  
and Institutions of Higher Education  
July 13, 2005, Regional Learning Alliance

Dear Education Professionals:

United States school districts spend an estimated \$6 billion annually on energy bills -- more than is spent on textbooks and computers combined. College campuses spend an average of \$2 billion each year on energy. That's a huge amount of money! But by adopting a strategic approach to energy management a 30 percent energy reduction on campus is possible.

In 2005, the ENERGY STAR® program is challenging Pennsylvania's businesses and institutions to reduce energy consumption by 10 percent. The **ENERGY STAR® Challenge** calls on businesses and institutions to take the right steps to identify the many buildings where financially attractive improvements can reduce energy use by 10 percent or more, and to make those improvements now, through proven methods such as low-cost building tune-ups, lighting upgrades, and replacement of old equipment.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection invites you to partner with us on the Energy Star® Challenge and experience the benefits of financial savings and reduced air pollution. Join us for a technical workshop on July 13, 2005, in Cranberry, PA, at the Regional Learning Alliance. Facility details are available on the Web at [www.regionalllearningalliance.com/](http://www.regionalllearningalliance.com/). This workshop is a comprehensive one-day training, focusing on the effective tools and strategies available through the ENERGY STAR® program for education business managers, superintendents, energy managers, and facility personnel. You will learn how to establish an energy baseline for your campus and district buildings. Your organization will learn to make a financial case to improve building systems today and why delaying energy improvements wastes money. ENERGY STAR® will also help you with new building design strategies and the importance of making energy a priority throughout the design and construction process.

Please visit the event page at [www.rebuild.org/events/eventdetails.asp?NewsID=2643](http://www.rebuild.org/events/eventdetails.asp?NewsID=2643) and register today! For more information on the ENERGY STAR® program, visit [energystar.gov/](http://energystar.gov/).

Sincerely,

Mark Hand  
ENERGY STAR Coordinator

